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1. The first time symptoms of nephroso-nephritis haemorrhagica infectiosa were found in Hungary, in 1952, Hungarian physicians, unable to classify these symptoms, referred to the illness as a "urological infection unknown in Hungary." These early cases were reported from Vessprém. At an annual medical meeting in 1953 two doctors from the Szolnok hospital reported the same symptoms. It was only then that Soviet doctors were called in who diagnosed the illness as endemic haemorrhagical fever and attributed its geographical origin to Japan.
2. In 1954, however, many Hungarian war prisoners returned from the Soviet Union and among them was a number of doctors. These reported that the illness was also found in the Ural District and in Novosibirsk. They also found that prisoners who had come from the territories of the lower part of the Amur river were also affected by this fever.

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